

**RULE 63 (37 C.F.R. 1.63)**  
**INVENTORS DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**REDUCED CENTER BURNER IN MULTI-BURNER COMBUSTOR AND METHOD FOR OPERATING THE COMBUSTOR**

the specification of which (check applicable box(es)):

☒ is attached hereto  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Atty. Dkt. No. 839-1493)  
☐ was filed as PCT International application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
and (if applicable to U.S. or PCT application) was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed or, if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application:

Priority Foreign Application(s):

Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number

Day/Month/Year Filed

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120/365 of all prior United States and PCT international applications listed above or below.

Prior U.S./PCT Application(s):

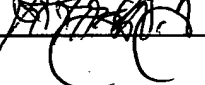
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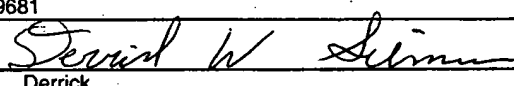
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Status: patented  
pending, abandoned

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. And on behalf of the owner(s) hereof, I hereby ask that all correspondence in this matter be directed to:

**Customer Number: 30024**




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**[X] See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!!**

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3. Inventor's Signature:    Date: 04/04/04  
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c)) --SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

**Docket Number (Optional):**  
**38899/GM/ps**

**Applicant or Patentee:** Giorgio PANTO

**Application or Patent N°:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Filing date or Issue date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** CASING, DOOR OR WINDOW FRAME, PARTICULARLY FOR OUTDOOR USE

hereby declare that I am

☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:

☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

**NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN** PANTO S.P.A.

**ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN** Via Prati, 1

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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

☒ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.

☐ the application identified above.

☐ the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a non-profit organisation under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organisation having any rights in the invention is listed below:

☒ No such person, concern, or organisation exists.

☐ Each such person, concern or organisation is listed below: \_\_\_\_\_

Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organisation having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

**NAME OF PERSON SIGNING:** Giorgio PANTO

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**DATE:** April 5, 2004

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

Willy ZIMINSKY et al

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For: REDUCED CENTER BURNER IN MULTI-BURNER  
COMBUSTOR AND METHOD FOR OPERATING THE  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**EXCLUSIVE SUBSTITUTE POWER OF ATTORNEY  
AND EXCLUSIVE PROSECUTION HEREAFTER BY  
ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36, 3.71 AND 3.73**

The undersigned being the owner of all right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application, hereby revokes all previous powers of attorney in this case, if any, and hereby appoints the attorneys of **Customer Number 30024** individually and collectively its attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and with the resulting patent.

I also authorizes Nixon & Vanderhye to act and rely solely on instructions communicated from the person, attorney, firm or other organization sending instructions to Nixon & Vanderhye on behalf of the owner.

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**Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)**

I hereby certify that General Electric Company of 1 River Road, Schenectady, NY 12345 is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors to the aforesaid assignee, a copy of the assignment being attached.

I have reviewed the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in the aforesaid assignee for which I am empowered to act in this matter.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

**GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY**

2/25/2004  
Date

By:

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